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The Director

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Assistant General Counsel

Proposed CIA Law for Admission of Aliens.

1. Attached herewith is a draft of a section regarding the admission of aliens for the proposed CIA law.

2. This draft is substantially the same as that proposed last year, with the following exceptions:

a. Line 1 has been changed from, "When the Director shall determine. . ." to read "Whenever the Director and the Attorney General shall determine. . ."; and

b. The number of aliens to be admitted has been raised from 50 to 100.

3. The change set forth in paragraph 2(a), above, was made pursuant to a request contained in a letter, copy of which is attached, from Peyton Ford, The Assistant to the Attorney General, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget dated 17 March 1948. This letter also suggested that the word "application", contained in line 11 of the attached draft was intended to be either "applicant" or "alien". Actually, the intention was to have the word "alien" in line 11. Laws require the application to be in a certain form, the failure of which would bar issuance of the visa. Therefore, we have retained the word "application" in the present draft.

4. While we have not cleared with the Department of Justice on the raising of the figure from 50 to 100, no objection from them is envisaged, as they have been most cooperative and approved the draft last year.

5. Last year's draft was also approved by the Comptroller General in a letter to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, dated 12 March 1948, in which, speaking of Section 6 which included the proposed admission of aliens, Mr. Warren stated that while the section provided -

"For the granting of much wider authority than I would ordinarily recommend for Government agencies generally, the purposes sought to be obtained by the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency are believed to be of such paramount importance as to justify the extraordinary measures proposed therein. . . In

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